MINUTES AND REPORT

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MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA LTD.

held at 225 Swanston Street, Melbourne on 21st May 1984 commencing 4 p.m

1. PRESENT

Mr. J. N. Black	Chairman
Mr. R. Harper	
Mr. E. J. Long	
Mr. B. H. Macintosh	
Mr. J. Mitchell	
Mr. J. Rigby	
Mr. M. Rundle	
Mr. O. J. Slattery	
Mr. W. W. Rawlinson	Executive Officer

Apologies for absence received from

Mr. M. Sevior, Mr. I. Symons

2. APPRECIATION

In opening the meeting the Chairman expressed the Board's appreciation to Messrs. Long and Rundle for covering some of the Executive Officer's duties during the latter's absence from office on annual leave.

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting held 19th March 1984, having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record of that meeting and adopted.

Moved: Mr. Long
Seconded: Mr. Rundle

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.i Minute 4.i Mr. Ian Symons, as the accredited delegate of Warrnambool Co-operative Society Ltd., accepted the invitation of the Board to fill the casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Simm. He will complete Mr. Simm's term of office due to expire at the 1986 Annual General Meeting.

4.ii Minute 4.iii Mr. Rundle reported on his representation of the Federation at the seminar arranged for Malaysian Housing Co-operative representatives in Melbourne on 13th April 1984.

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4.iii Minute 16 A submission, dated 29th March 1984, made to Small Business & Policy Branch, Department of Industry and Commerce, Canberra, re discrimination against Co-operatives in the Small Business Awards Programme.

4.iv Minute 17 A submission made to and reply received from Small Business Development Corporation re eligibility of Co-operatives under that legislation.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.i Copy of submissions to State Financial Institutions Review Committee received from

Victorian Credit Co-operative Association

Federation of Housing Societies of Victoria

Tabled.

5.ii From Registrar with certificate under Section 49(2) of the Co-operation Act 1981 authorising admittance into Membership of the Federation of The Federation of Housing Societies, as approved by the Board at December 1983 Board meeting.

5.iii Copy of letter from Federation of Housing Societies to Registrar establishing its Co-operative character.

5.iv Financial Review 30/4/84 report on N.S.W. Minister for Co-operation intervention to counter take-over bid of N.S.W. Dairy Co-operative.

5.v Hansard - Debate on amendment of Co-operation Act 1981 in respect of Credit Co-operatives
Appropriation to Reserves
Variation of common bond requirements

The correspondence was received.

Moved: Mr. Harper
Seconded: Mr. Mitchell

6. FINANCIAL

6.i Statement of Income and Expenditure for the period 1.7.83 to 1.4.84 and the estimated Balance Sheet as at 30/4/84 were presented to the meeting, discussed and received.

6.ii Draft operating budget of income and expenditure for year ending 30th June 1985 showing estimated deficiency of $10,750 at that date was considered by the Board.

The Board agreed

(i) to recommend to the 1984 Annual General Meeting that the schedule of subscriptions payable be increased by 10%.

(ii) *that increased income be derived from services including 4 education and training programmes in the year.*

(iii) *that a submission be made to the Minister administering the Co-operation Act for recognition of the Federation's services to Co-operatives beyond the scope of its members and for increased Government grant aid as developmental assistance.*

The draft budget as presented was agreed.

Moved: Mr. Macintosh
Seconded: Mr. Rundle

The Board further agreed to consider the matter of Executive Staff succession at its next meeting.

Moved: Mr. Rundle
Seconded: Mr. Long

7. 1984 CONFERENCE

7.i Programme

As a possible alternative to Mr. Justice M. Kirby to open the Conference, the Board agreed an invitation be extended to Professor Ted Wheelwright, Associate Professor of Economics, Sydney University.

The Board agreed a panel of three speakers should address the subject of the function of Co-operative Capital today - viz:

Mr. Richard Green of Cortis and Carr and
Mr. Slattery, Phosphate Co-operative Company of Australia.
Mr. Hicks, North Eastern Co-operative Society Ltd.

7.ii Budget

The Board approved the budget of income and expenditure and agreed registration fees of $60 for first attendee from nominating Co-operative and $40 for subsequent attendees from same Co-operative be charged.

The Programme and Budget were agreed by the Board.

Moved: Mr. Rundle
Seconded: Mr. Macintosh

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8. CENTRAL BANKING

The Board agreed to form a sub-committee comprising:

Mr. Macintosh
Mr. Symons
Mr. Lyons - subject to agreement of Security Co-operative Permanent Building Society

Executive Officer

to meet with sub-committee of officials of Victorian Credit Co-operative Association to prepare detailed proposals for consideration of the Board on development of a centralised Banking Service for members of Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd., in particular to

(i) Report on and submit proposals for removal of legal or administrative impediments to a joint operation by V.C.C.A. for C.F.V. of such a financial service.

(ii) Requirements that Co-operatives would have to meet to become full participants.

(iii) Benefits/disadvantages for metropolitan and country based Co-operatives of such financial service.

(iv) The basis of income sharing between V.C.C.A. and C.F.V. from revenue generated by non Association member Co-operatives introduced by C.F.V. into the service.

(v) Any other relevant information which should be known by the Board to enable the interests of the Federation and its members to be protected and advanced by promotion and operation of this financial service.

9. LEGISLATION

Replies awaited from Co-operative Federation of New South Wales and Western Australia to enquiries on their treatment of capital gains by and for Co-operative members.

10. FEASIBILITY STUDY, HEALESVILLE

The Executive Officer reported on correspondence from and meetings with officers of Department of Education and Youth Affairs, Canberra and Mr. Peter Steedman, M.H.R., Casey, on a job creation/education project proposed for Healesville on Co-operative lines. Expression of interest in undertaking the professional study was submitted to the Department.

11. WORLD CO-OPERATIVE CONFERENCE - PERTH 1986/87

Messrs. Slattery, Long and Rundle reported on a meeting held in Melbourne with Deputy Chairman and Executive Officer, Co-operative Federation of Western Australia on proposals by that State Federation to organise a major Co-operative

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promotional exercise in conjunction with the America Cup international yachting competition. The exercise which requires promotional assistance from all State Federations is seen as

(i) providing revenue for State Federations

(ii) providing education and enjoyment for Members

(iii) promoting the image of Co-operation nationally and internationally

The Board received the report with interest and agreed to reconsider following receipt of written proposals.

12. DIRECTORS' SEMINAR - JULY 1984

To meet the availability needs of lecturers, the date was changed from that agreed at the March 1984 Board Meeting to July 11th and 12th 1984.

13. MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION

Mr. Long attended one meeting of this Committee on 4th May and Mr. Rawlinson attended one meeting on 18th May 1984.

Business discussed included

(i) Organisation of Government funded public seminar on 'Development of the Co-operative Movement in Victoria' on 23rd June 1984 at which all State Ministers and Registrars administering Co-operative legislation in Australia will be present.

(ii) Comprehensive information paper to provide a basis for consultation between Government and Co-operatives to assist development of Co-operative programmes and legislation.

(iii) Project to undertake survey of Co-operative education and training in Victoria, Australia and overseas.

(iv) Undertake comparative study of Co-operative legislation.

(v) Report of Registrar on overseas visit 12/4/84 to 3/5/84 which, inter alia, proposes establishment of a Victorian Co-operative Authority.

14. CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA

Mr. Slattery has been formally nominated as C.F.V. representative to C.F.A. Co-operative Bank sub-committee.

Next meeting of Council is scheduled for Thursday, 13th September in Adelaide.

Next Meeting of Executive Officers planned for 19th July in Brisbane. In view of the public Co-operative seminar in Melbourne and national meeting of Ministers

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and Registrars on 23rd June the Board recommended Executive Officers should meet in Melbourne on 22nd June and attend the Co-operative Seminar on 23rd June 1984.

15. EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr. Rawlinson reported that since the last meeting he had taken annual leave, despatched T. H. Bath Memorial Library Books to Perth and some post-1975 acquired material to C.F.A., Sydney. He had attended one Funding Committee meeting and one 'sounding board' session for Worker Co-operatives at Preston College of TAFE. He has had discussions with Victorian Producers Co-operative, North Eastern Co-operative, Child Care Co-operative Brunswick.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Macintosh reported on his visit to the Nadakobe Consumers Co-operative in Japan and the Japanese Consumers Co-operative Union.

17. NEXT MEETING

This was set for Monday, 18th June 1984 at 225 Swanston Street, commencing at 4 p.m.

18. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7 p.m.